

## **Replacement Abstract:**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

The A wire chafing stand ~~of the present invention includes~~ including a rim of wire steel in a substantially rectangular configuration, lateral sides and a longitudinal axis extending from the lateral sides and a pair of wire legs pivotally connected to the rim for permitting the wire legs to fold relative to the frame in order to adjust the chafing stand into a closed position with the chafing stand forming a narrow lateral profile for transportation or storage or with the chafing stand folded into an open position for heating preheated foods in a chafing dish. Each of the wire legs is pivotally connected to the rim through a hinge pin assembly permitting each pair of wire legs to pivot outwardly in opposite directions with each leg establishing a fixed position at an inclined angle of less than 90 degrees relative to the rim when the wire chafing stand is folded into an open position such that the legs will stand firmly on any level surface and the chafing stand will not unintentionally collapse.